

Brookhaven Animal Shelter Seeking Help for Dogs Rescued from Shirley Home

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23 pitbulls found living in abusive conditions were relocated to Animal Shelter.



Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter is seeking donations of blankets, towels, and food for over twenty neglected dogs that were rescued from a home in Shirley, as well as volunteers to help with their care. The 23 pitbulls were rescued by the Suffolk County chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) after a neighbor had called police to report the sound of dogs barking and fighting with each other. Upon arrival, the animals were found to be malnourished, covered in bite marks and their own waste. The dogs were then relocated to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter where they received emergency medical attention. The investigation by the Suffolk County Police Department is currently ongoing.

Councilwoman Jane Bonner, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the Animal Shelter said, "The conditions that these poor animals were living in were simply appalling. I strongly encourage residents to donate to the shelter, whether you give supplies or your own time, to help these dogs live a better life than they already have." Those interested in donating should visit www.htaf.org or call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter at 631-286-4940.

The Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter has also been very progressive in launching programs to increase adoption rates and pet retention, and to get animals spayed and neutered, especially focusing on the large population of Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes at their facility. Together these programs have helped over 200 Pit Bulls.

Last year, the Animal Shelter introduced "Spay it Forward", a program that offers incentives to get animals spayed and neutered. For every Pit Bull that a resident gets spayed or neutered, the owner will receive a voucher to help another needy Pit Bull to receive the same services. The Animal Shelter is also providing free micro-chipping, vaccines, heartworm testing, and collars for anyone who gets their Pit Bull spayed or neutered.

The Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA) encourages other animal rescues to adopt Pit Bulls from the Brookhaven animal shelter and find homes for them. Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. \$250 goes to each participating organization for the care of the animal.

These programs are made possible by the Help the Animals Fund, an affiliate of the Town of Brookhaven Animal and Adoption Center. The mission of the Help the Animals Fund is to prevent cruelty to animals and to provide sick, neglected and injured stray animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter the much needed and deserved medical care that they would otherwise not receive. This fund is supported 100% by voluntary donations, which are tax deductible.

The Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven, New York, 11719. For more information, call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.

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